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LAWN CARE TIPS

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Steps for Success!



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1. Apply **#1 Capitol Fertilizer 5 step** lawn program for best results.
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of water per week is all your lawn needs to stay healthy on the average. This amount can change depending on the weather. This is about 30-40 minutes per sprinkler zone depending on water pressure and sprinkler head size.
3. Avoid giving your lawn a light sprinkle every day. This constant moisture can stress out a lawn making it more susceptible to root, stem, and tissue diseases like powdery mildew.
4. The taller the grass the deeper the roots.
5. The shorter the grass the shallower the roots.
6. Never mow more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grass blade length at one time.
7. You can keep grass shorter in early spring for better aeration, but when warmer weather hits it is best to let it grow a little taller providing shade for the stems and roots.
8. Sharpen mower blades every year for normal lawns and once a month for lawns with rocks and sticks. If the grass blades are not cleanly cut this provides a better chance for diseases to get in.
9. Do not start weed control till after the 4th mowing on new lawns.

- 10. When using most weed and feed products make sure to use the directions, lawn must be wet first and the no water for 24 hours. Use #2 Ortho Weed be Gone as needed for broadleaf weeds in the lawn.**
- 11. In Michigan crab grass germinates right around may 15th.**
- 11 If you have moles in your lawn odds are that you also have grubs, getting rid of the grubs gets rid of the moles.**
- 12 Grub damage will usually not show up till Sept./Oct. in Michigan and at that time there is nothing that will help because the grubs are too deep underground and are no longer eating very much. Grub Ex should be applied early June through early July for best results.**
- 13. Do not use any weed killers on your lawn that say non-selective on their label.**
- 14. Many common lawn weeds are perennials, which mean that they can come back year after year.**
- 15. Use #3 Ortho Max Lawn and Garden Insect Killer as needed.**